REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1 and 10-12 are amended. Claim 9 is cancelled. Claims 28-52 are new. Claims 4, 10, 11, 18, 21-27 were previously withdrawn. Claims 1-8 and 10-52 will be pending upon entry of this amendment.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowability of claims 9, 12 and 13-17 if rewritten into independent form including all of the elements of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Thus, pursuant to the Examiner's remarks, claims 9 and 13 have been rewritten into independent form. Claim 1 (the base claim of claim 9) is amended to incorporate all of the elements of claim 9; therefore, amended claim 1 corresponds to claim 9 rewritten into independent form. Similarly, new claim 28 corresponds to claim 13 rewritten into independent form including all of the elements of claim 1, its base claim.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 28 are submitted to be patentable over the references of record.

The other pending claims depend from either claim 1 or claim 28 and are therefore submitted to be patentable over the references of record for at least the same reasons as claim 1 or claim 28. Claims depending from claim 28 are identical to claims depending from claim 1. Thus, no new subject matter is introduced into the claims.

Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of withdrawn claims 4, 10, 11, 18, 21-27 as they each depend from either claim 1 or claim 28, both of which are allowable.
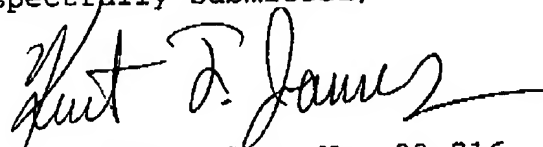
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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1-8, 10-52 is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of $600.00 as fee for the additional 24 claims to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

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